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about that. You see, I'm a graduate of the University of Nebraska as are all of my children and I'm very proud of that university most of the time; I have some difficulties with some of their issues. But I want to be proud of them and I want to see them be successful. But I also have a very burning desire to see the people I represent be successful as well. And they are not successful, and they have not been successful, and they will not be successful as long as we add more taxes to them, and that's what's going to happen as a result of this legislative session. We're either going to increase sales tax or the sales tax base, or we're going to increase property tax for them because we're going to take away state aid. And there are some other issues that are going to increase their taxes as well, and I have difficulty with that. And we have an opportunity here a little bit ago to correct that a little bit but we didn't do it. I'd like to just give you a little bit of perspective on where I've come from since I've been in practice in this state. My veterinary practice started in 1961, 41 years ago this next June. I used to come to the State Veterinarian's Office and bring blood samples...gather blood samples at the auction market at Atkinson for brucellosis testing, and then I'd come to the Capitol Building and bring those blood samples with me on Wednesday morning after I'd collected them on Tuesday, take them to the State Testing Lab, which was in the basement of the Capitol, visit with the State Veterinarian who had an office over there on the main floor, and picked up my blood sample results and be back home yet that evening. And I can still do that except then I'd have to go to the State Office Building and go through a maze of things to get to the State Veterinarian's Office which is five times as big as it was when I used to come here in 1961. And instead of going to the basement to a testing lab, we have a fancy testing lab out by the State Department of Roads. We have built a great big state office building over here, wherever I'm pointing, what four floors and a basement, completely filled, since 1961.

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: And we're asking for more space. We're renting